GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1563
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Attack on Beef Eating
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports of attacks on the issue of eating beef in some parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the minority community are feeling insecure due to such attacks; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) and (b): As per available recent information, there is a report in which a person and his son in village Bisahda, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh were beaten up by a group of persons on the intervening night of 28-29 September, 2015 on the allegation of slaughtering a banned animal. One of the persons later succumbed to his injuries.

(c) to (d): "Public Order" and "Police" are State subjects as per the provisions of the Constitution of India. The responsibilities of maintaining law and order, protection of life and property, including that of minorities, rest primarily with the respective State Governments.

However, to maintain communal harmony in the country, the Central Government assists the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations in a variety of ways like sharing of information, sending alert messages and advisories, sending
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Central Armed Police Forces including the composite Rapid Action Force, created specially to deal with communal situations, to the concerned State Governments on specific requests and in the modernisation of the State Police Forces. The Central Government has circulated revised Guidelines to promote Communal Harmony to the States and Union Territories in 2008 which inter alia, lay down standard operating procedures to be put in place to deal with situation arising out of the communal violence. They also delineate preventive and administrative measures to be taken to maintain communal harmony. These guidelines are reiterated while sending advisories.

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